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Rep. Candice Miller Oversees Hearing on Manufacturing

Miller Receives Testimony and Questions Key Witnesses

WASHINGTON – Congresswoman **Candice Miller**, Chairwoman of the House Committee on Government Reform's Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, led an important hearing on United States Manufacturing today. The hearing -- "The Impact of Regulation on U.S. Manufacturing" – addressed how to reduce the cost of unnecessary federal regulations on manufacturers.

"Unfortunately today, the American manufacturing industry is under attack," Miller said at the opening of the hearing. "It is our own government, perhaps with the very best of intentions, who has become an unwitting partner in assisting other countries to import, not just American products, but American jobs. Why? – because of the onerous burden of excessive regulations," she said.

The Republican Congresswoman, overseeing her first subcommittee hearing as chairman, heard testimony from experts, including former Michigan **Governor John Engler**. Engler is now President of the National Association of Manufacturers.

"It is not one or two particular regulations that impact their productivity and ability to compete, but rather the sheer volume of regulatory requirements," Gov. Engler said about manufacturers. "These regulations are symptomatic of a prevalent attitude of indifference among legislators and federal regulators to the impact of regulations on the private sector."

A recent study from the National Association of Manufacturers estimates that as a result of excessive governmental regulations, structural costs for American manufactured products are 22% higher than any of our foreign competitors. "We have done it to ourselves. The time is long overdue for us to do a cost-benefit analysis of many of these regulations," Miller said.